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1. THE COMMISSION SERVICES HAVE NOW PREPARED A NEW PAPER ELABORATING ON ITS EARLIER PAPER ON THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF A 200 MILE MARITIME ECONOMIC ZONE. IT IS CURRENTLY BEING EXAMINED BY THE COMMISSION AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT IT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE MEMBER STATES ON FEBRUARY 20. WE HAVE NOT YET OBTAINED A COPY BUT WE UNDERSTAND IT DEALS WITH SUCH DELICATE MATTERS AS HOW TO DIVIDE THE COMMUNITY POND.

2. ON ANOTHER FRONT COMMUNITY EXPERTS ARE CURRENTLY EXAMINING THE COMMON NEGOTIATING TEXT FOR THE UN LOS CONFERENCE. AT PRESENT THERE ARE SOME 90 AMENDMENTS TO IT PROPOSED BUT A COUNCIL SECRETARIATE SOURCE HAS TOLD US HE

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3. THE COMMUNITY IS ALSO EXAMINING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER IT WILL BE ABLE TO REQUEST A CLAUSE IN THE FINAL LOS DOCUMENT PERMITTING THE COMMUNITY AS SUCH TO BE A PARTY. CHIEFS OF DELEGATION WILL EXAMINE THIS SUBJECT ON FEBRUARY 26 AND IT IS EXPECTED TO BE RAISED AT THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ON MARCH 1-2.

4. ON FEBRUARY 12 THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE LAW OF THE SEA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS LARGELY THE DANISH INITIATIVE SINCE THE DANES AND TO A LESSER EXTENT THE BRITISH ARE PUSHING THE HARDEST FOR A COMMON COMMUNITY POSITION ON ALL OUTSTANDING ITEMS BY MARCH 15. ONE ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE PROBABLE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY OF ACTION BY THE U.S., PARTICULARLY THE RECENT HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS ON EXTENDING U.S. JURISDICTION OVER COASTAL FISHING TO 200 MILES. THE POINTS MADE IN STATE 23425 HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO BOTH COMMISSION AND COUNCIL SOURCES.

5. WE NOTE FROM REFTTEL B THAT A US LOS TEAM WILL BE IN BRUSSELS ON FEB. 25 FOR A REINFORCED NAC MEETING. ASSUMING THAT US LOS TEAM IS INTERESTED IN LOS ISSUES GOING BEYOND SECURITY WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US TEAM SET ASIDE SOME TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH EC COMMISSION AND COUNCIL SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT LOS.MORRIS

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